other. In pursuance of their shared objective of combating terrorism and cross-border crimes, the two Governments agreed to intensify their ongoing cooperation and to continue working closely with each other.

3. As regards trade and economic co-operation, the two Prime Ministers noted with satisfaction the successful renewal of the India-Nepal Trade Treaty for a period of five years till March 5, 2007 with mutually agreed amendments to the Protocol to the Treaty without changing its basic framework.

4. On the Pancheshwar Hydle Project, the two Prime Ministers noted that considerable work had been done on the field investigations for the Joint DPR. They agreed that all out efforts should be made to complete a Joint DPR before June this year.

5. An Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technology was also signed during the visit.

6. The Ncpalcse Prime Minister invited the Prime Minister to pay an official visit to Nepal at an early dale. The invitation was accepted. The dates of the visit would be decided through diplomatic channels.

E-bill facility

*380. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of E-bill facility operated by Post Offices;

(b) whether Government are going to establish E-bill post service centres in various parts of Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER *6F* COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Posts launched a pilot E-bill post service through which customers are able to pay their bills in respect of a variety of public utilities through select computerised post offices in

the country as and when different service providers subscribe to E-bill post.

(c) and (c) Depending upon the result of pilot programme, and response from different service providers, further expansion of the service in Maharashtra and other parts of the country is to be worked out.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Promotion of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh

2614. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: (a) whether Government have conducted and survey about the units of coir industry in Andhra Pradesh and the number of workers working therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have any action plan to develop and promote coir industry in Andhra Pradesh which has adequate potential in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether Government would formulate such a plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district-wise details of manufacturing units/household units and the workers encaged therein are as follows:

SI. No.	District	Manufac-turing Units	House hold	Direct Labour	Indirect Labour
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	East Godawari	79	12247	20404	6121
2	Srikakulam	75 7	4071	9450	2826
3	Visakhapatnam	11	625	1424	427
4	West Godavari		3688	5363	1609